

Minutes
Budget & Planning Committee
Tuesday January 2, 2007
3:00 – 5:00 pm
San Luis Obispo Center, Downstairs Classroom

Purpose: *To strengthen infrastructure in order to more effectively meet the changing needs of the community. To develop a work plan that will deliver FY 06-07 alcohol and drug services according to budget mandates. Develop 07-08 budget plans.*

Rules: *Ongoing, everyone participates, brainstorming ideas, respect for others' opinions, consensus building*

Attendees: Deborah Miller, Frank Warren, Jason Wells, Jeremy Bates, Jody, Justus, JoLynn Butera, Kerry Bailey, Kim Mott, Linda Baker, Mike Stevens, Rebecca Patterson, Star Graber, Trevor Hardcastle, Wayne Hansen

1. **Youth, Family, Schools, Prevention Services** – Discussion centered on the continuum of care for youth, and the funding of youth, family, schools and prevention services.
 - a. **Safe & Drug Free Schools (SDFSC)** – the SDFSC FNL and the SDFSC Dare to Be You grant reductions by the State will decrease D/AS presence in county elementary schools through the loss of funding for a .5 FTE Specialist. The grant reductions also impact support staff through the loss of .25 FTE of Administrative Assistant time.
 - b. **Prevention in the Schools** – a general discussion was held regarding the grade level at which D/AS expertise can be utilized most effectively by the schools, and where D/AS services should be promoted. The attendees agreed that the best practice for addressing drug and alcohol issues is a K-12 continuum of service. In response to budget reductions in this continuum, staff concluded that the core ages of onset (grades 6-10) should be first priority for limited services.
1. **Conclusion:** The grant reductions in SDFSC will affect 15 elementary schools and the prevention services offered by Drug and Alcohol Services in the science based programs of Dare to be You and the Friday Night Live KIDS Program. A Budget Augmentation Request (BAR) will NOT be requested for replacement of these services, despite well-researched outcomes and service demand, due to direction from administration and the official definition of status quo budget. Priority of D/AS services in schools will be at the 'age of onset' grades.

- c. **MAP** – an analysis of the Minor Accountability Program indicates that the number of clients would need to increase dramatically in order to break even. Although this program was originally designed to be fee-supported, the high number of Medi-Cal clients, approximately 30%, has made self-sufficiency difficult. Several options were discussed to increase MAP's profitability including development of a "super-bill" that would allow parents to bill their insurance companies; reinstating Medi-Cal billing at D/AS; asking the Probation Department to help subsidize the program; and blending the MAP II program with traditional youth services.
 1. **Action:** Mike Stevens, Deputy Director, will meet with Myron Nalepa, Deputy Chief of Probation. Mike will request: 1) that Probation subsidize any shortfalls in the MAP program; 2) that Probation increase the funding for Juvenile Hall and Juvenile Drug Court by the COLA and to account for increased mileage reimbursement; and 3) that Drug and Alcohol Services recapture the in-kind portion to the Juvenile Hall (approximately .70FTE) to spread along the continuum for youth treatment which could include prevention to MAP to Juvenile Hall.
 2. **Action:** Kerry Bailey, Administrative Services Manager, will assign Jason Wells to work on the insurance super-bill process for parents to access insurance reimbursements for the MAP and youth treatment services.
2. **Wish lists-** Attendees were invited to share their wishes for FY 07-08 budget additions. The following were submitted:
 - a. **Staffing** – Treatment supervisor in SLO, administrative help for Star, ½ time clerical person in Atascadero, clerical floater, DUI Specialist floater
 - b. **Tech** – at least 2 projection systems for the new health campus, an intercom system for the new health campus, 30 replacement computers, client kiosks, monitor replacements in AT
 - c. **Repairs and Maintenance** – new floors for kitchen and bathrooms in AT, replace red and blue room chairs in SLO

Next Meeting Reminders and Preparation:

Next Meetings:
January 9th
January 16th